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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, SU, US

SUBJECT: SALE OF F-5S TO SUDAN: NEXT STEPS

1. WE ARE PLEASED THAT THE FINANCING QUESTION HAS  
BEEN DEFLECTED FROM USG AND DIRECTED AT THE SAUDIS,  
AND CONCUR THAT THE AMBASSADOR'S DISCUSSION WITH DENG  
WAS A TIMELY AND ESSENTIAL ELEMENT IN THE SUCCESS OF  
THIS EFFORT.

2. THE FACT THAT THE SUDANESE HAVE INITIATED DISCUS-  
SION WITH THE SAUDIS ON FINANCING THE U.S. AIR  
DEFENSE PACKAGE IMPLIES THAT THEY ARE PREPARED TO  
ACCEPT THE U.S. OFFER TO SELL THE F-5S AND RADAR. ACTUAL

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ACCEPTANCE OF THE OFFER, HOWEVER, HINGES ON THE SAUDI  
DECISION TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE, WHICH WOULD BE  
FORMALIZED BY SIGNATURE OF THE LOA.

3. AS THE NEXT STEP WE WOULD ENVISAGE A TRIP TO KHARTOUM  
BY JAGGERS TO BRIEF THE REPORT. JAGGERS WOULD BE  
AVAILABLE FOR THIS PURPOSE IN MID-JANUARY. JAGGERS'  
VISIT OR THAT OF HIS REPRESENTATIVE IS SPECIFIED IN

THE TERMS OF REFERENCE AND WOULD ONLY BE CANCELLED IF THE SUDANESE DECLINE THE OPPORTUNITY. JAGGERS WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THE COMPLETE RANGE OF FINDINGS OF THE SURVEY TEAM INCLUDING THE COSTING OF THE

VARIOUS ALTERNATIVES SUGGESTED BY THE REPORT. DETAILS ON FMS PROCEDURES COULD BE PROVIDED BY CECIL/SOMMER WHOSE VISIT WOULD COINCIDE WITH JAGGERS'.

4. THE GENERAL COSTING INFORMATION ON THE U.S. AIR DEFENSE PACKAGE THUS MADE AVAILABLE SHOULD GIVE THE SAUDIS SUFFICIENT INFORMATION TO MAKE THEIR DECISION ON THE FINANCING. ONCE THE SAUDIS HAVE AGREED TO FINANCE THE SALE, SITE SURVEY TEAMS WOULD BE ORGANIZED TO DEVELOP THE LOAS FOR THE F-5S AND THE RADAR AT WHICH TIME DETAILED COSTS WOULD BE DETERMINED. DOD CANNOT DISPATCH SUCH TEAMS UNTIL THE FINANCING HAS BEEN AGREED TO BY THE SAUDIS.

5. AT A LUNCHEON DEC 29 AF/E DIRECTOR POST RAISED WITH SUDANESE AMBASSADOR SUDANGOV'S SUGGESTION THAT USG, NOT SAUDIS, FINANCE F-5 SALE. AMBASSADOR EISSA SAID IN CONFIDENCE THAT IT MIGHT HAVE RESULTED FROM WHAT HE UNDERSTOOD TO BE THE SAUDI INTEREST IN HAVING SUDAN PURCHASE THE MIRAGE TO PROVIDE SOME DIVERSIFICATION OF EQUIPMENT IN THE REGION. EISSA SPECULATED THAT THIS MIGHT BE SAUDI TACTIC  
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TO INVOLVE FRENCH AND SUDANESE IN SUPPLY OF ARMS TO SOMALIA.

6. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY COMMENTS ON PROPOSED NEXT STEPS AND POSSIBILITY THAT SUDANESE MIGHT PURCHASE MIRAGE OVER THE F-5. CHRISTOPHER

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